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generating a control signal based upon said comparison comprises the step of generating a mobile communication device activation signal.

2. (Once amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the key permits operation of the mobile communication device only when the key is within a specified distance from the mobile communication device, and wherein the step of generating a control signal based upon said comparison comprises the step of generating a mobile communication device activation signal if the locations of the mobile communication device and the key are within a specified distance of one another.

3. (Once amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the key permits operation of the mobile communication device only when the key is separated by at least a specified distance from the mobile communication device, and wherein the step of generating a control signal based upon said comparison comprises the step of generating a mobile communication device activation signal if the locations of the mobile communication device and the key are separated by at least a specified distance.

5. (Once amended) A method of generating a control signal comprising the steps of:  
determining the location of a first mobile radio terminal;  
determining the location of a second mobile radio terminal;  
comparing the locations of the terminals; and  
generating a control signal based upon said comparison;  
wherein the step of generating a control signal based upon said comparison comprises the step of generating a control signal if the first mobile radio terminal is at a first specified location and the second mobile radio terminal is at a second specified location.

17. (Twice amended) A method of generating a control signal comprising the steps of:  
receiving, at a location server, an initiation signal from a first mobile radio terminal, said initiation signal including the location of the first mobile radio terminal;  
transmitting, by the location server, a location query to a second mobile radio terminal;  
reporting, by the second mobile radio terminal, the location of the second mobile radio terminal in response to the location query;;  
comparing, at the location server, the locations of the first and second mobile radio terminals; and

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generating a control signal based upon said comparison;  
wherein either the first mobile radio terminal or the second mobile radio terminal comprises a mobile communication device, wherein the corresponding second or first mobile radio terminal comprises a key permitting operation of the mobile communication device, and wherein the step of generating a control signal based upon said comparison comprises the step of generating a control signal activating the mobile communication device for use.

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18. (Twice amended) The method of claim 17, wherein the key permits operation of the mobile communication device only when the key is within, or separated by, a specified distance from the mobile communication device, and wherein the step of generating a control signal based upon said comparison comprises the step of transmitting, by the location server, a control signal activating the mobile communication device for use if the locations of the first and second mobile radio terminals are either within, or separated by, a specified distance.

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23. (Twice amended) A method of generating a control signal comprising the steps of:  
receiving, at a location server, an initiation signal from a first mobile radio terminal;  
transmitting, by the location server, a location query to the first mobile radio terminal and a second mobile radio terminal;  
reporting, by the first and second mobile radio terminals, respective locations of the first and second mobile radio terminals in response to the location query;  
comparing, at the location server, the received locations of the first and second mobile radio terminals; and  
generating a control signal based upon said comparison;  
wherein either the first mobile radio terminal or the second mobile radio terminal comprises a mobile communication device, wherein the corresponding second or first mobile radio terminal comprises a key permitting operation of the mobile communication device, and wherein the step of generating a control signal based upon said comparison comprises the step of generating a control signal activating the mobile communication device for use.

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24. (Twice amended) The method of claim 23, wherein the key permits operation of the mobile communication device only when the key is within, or separated by, a specified distance from the mobile communication device, and wherein the step of generating a control signal based upon said comparison comprises the step of transmitting, by the location server, a control signal activating the mobile communication device for use if the locations of the

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first and second mobile radio terminals are either within, or separated by, a specified distance.

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27. (Once amended) A method of generating a control signal comprising the steps of:  
monitoring, at a location server, locations of N mobile radio terminals, wherein  $N \geq 2$ , said location server remote from the N mobile radio terminals;  
comparing, at the location server, the monitored locations of the N mobile radio terminals; and  
generating, at the location server, a control signal based upon said comparison;  
wherein the step of comparing, at the location server, the monitored locations of the N mobile radio terminals comprises the step of comparing the monitored locations of the N mobile radio terminals with M specified locations.

28. (Once amended) The method of claim 27,  
wherein  $M \leq N$  and the M specified locations comprise M different specified locations; and  
wherein the step of generating, at the location server, a control signal based upon said comparison comprises the step of generating, at the location server, a control signal if at least one of the N mobile radio terminals is located at each of the M different specified locations.

29. (Once amended) The method of claim 27,  
wherein  $M = N$  and the M specified locations comprise N specified locations, one assigned to each of the N mobile radio terminals; and  
wherein the step of generating, at the location server, a control signal based upon said comparison comprises the step of generating, at the location server, a control signal if each of the N mobile radio terminals is located at its assigned location.

Please add claim 31, as follows:

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31. The method of claim 5, wherein the comparing and generating steps are performed at one of the first and second mobile radio terminals.

Please cancel claim 4.